

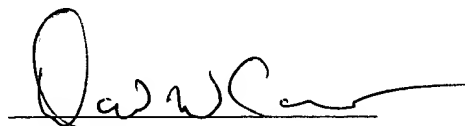
REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 19-24 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 12-17 are allowed. Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Office Action. The present Response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has adopted the Examiner's suggestions and believes the claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any outstanding issues that the Examiner feels may be resolved by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact David W. Carstens at 972.367.2001.

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